



BIRD WALK in FEEDING HILLS

Bird walks will be held in 60 communities across Mass. on Saturday, May 17, as the last event in Mass. Audubon Week.

The walks are led by local Audubon members, and everyone is invited to join.

Mass. Audubon Week, proclaimed by Gov. Sargent who lauded Audubon for its vital role in environmental education and conservation, also marked presentation of an Audubon Award, given for praiseworthy conservation action, to 15-year-old Hugh L. Burns, Jr. Young Burns cared enough about the character and open space of his Needham neighborhood to stand in town meeting and eloquently plead against an article to widen his street.

In Feeding Hills, bird walk will start at Trestle entrance, Robinson State Park, 7 a.m., led by Mr. and Mrs. Moreton R. Bates, 783-6411.



Our Men In Service



PARRIS ISLAND, S.C.—A local man is slated for Vietnam duty as a United States Marine Corps combat correspondent.

Lance Corporal Jordan P. St. John, son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. St. John of 555 Mill St., F Hills, will report to Vietnam for duty this fall.

The 22-year-old Marine is a 1964 graduate of Ag. H.S., and attended the Stigmatine Fathers' Seminary, Wellesley, Mass., before enlisting in the Marine Corps in Jan. 1968.

After completion of recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, and combat infantry training at Camp Lejeune, N.C., he attended a military journalists course at the Defense Information School, Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind., graduating as top Marine in his class.

Since September 1969 the young Leatherneck has been serving at Parris Island as a press info man at the Informational Services Office. During his tour of duty here, he was the recruit Depot's rep. to the 1969 Marine Corps Public Affairs Clinic held in N.Y.C.

Prior to transfer to operating forces in Vietnam, he is scheduled to attend a Radio and TV Broadcast Specialists Course at the Defense Information School and a Combat Correspondent Orientation Course at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Upon arrival to Vietnam in Sept., LCpl. St. John is scheduled for duty with the Armed Forces Radio and TV Network, Military Assistance Command, Vietnam Hqtrs. (MACV), Saigon.

LOCAL ITEMS CAN NOT BE
ACCEPTED AFTER MON.
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Track Mother's Cake Sale

A Cake Sale will be held at the Aga. Food Mart, Sat., May 17, for the benefit of the Aga. H.S. Track Team. It is the only fund raising enterprise for the team, so please help our boys out and buy our tasty treats.

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Talk Won't Change Facts



V. R. Moreno

assessor put this question to you. "Mr. Reynolds, how much of that \$252 thousand applies to apartments? It was then and only then, while you were seated, you answered back "\$90,000."

By your own statement in "now we understand" you say you "exercised your prerogative to ask the tax collector how much of the \$252,000. was attributed to apartment owners." This is exactly the point I am stressing. You knew how much the collector told you it was and yet you deliberately saw fit to mention, and obviously tried to get away with, using only the \$252,000. figure.

It is not the poison in my pen that hurts anyone, it is your poison that hurts. Poison of itself has many qualities, it's how it is used that hurts. The poison in my pen is the antidote against insidious poisoners who would hurt the people of Agawam.

Mr. Reynolds, you may talk 'til dooms day to try to get off the hook of your statement on town meeting floor. Your statement was, "I have an envelope, I have an envelope in my pocket, I will not divulge the names, there are \$252,000. owed in back taxes, is this what we can expect from the apartment owners? These were your words (exact quote). Close to three hundred town meeting members, townspeople and public officials were present and heard every word you uttered. You did not, I repeat you did not mention any other amount or figure until you sat down and had no intention of mentioning any other figure. It was the demand of one member of the Board of Assessors that brought the truth from you. While you were seated there, he, the



Verani makes History

FORT JACKSON, S.C., - MAY 2 - For what is believed to be the first time in the history of the U.S. Army, a perfect score has been fired on the M-60 machine gun record fire course, using a bipod mount.

The sharp shooting soldier setting the record was Private John F. Verani, a trainee of Company A, 12th Battalion, 3d Advanced Individual Training Brigade at Fort Jackson. Private Verani, a National Guardsman from Agawam, accomplished the nearly impossible feat in 2 days of record firing on April 14 and 15 on Cassino and Argentan ranges. Verani's unit is the 104th Infantry Yankee Division in Hampton, Mass. "I knew I had a good score, but I had no idea it was perfect," said Verani. When asked if he could do it again, he said, "I think so."

The first day of firing was on a range with poster targets at a distance of 10 meters. The object on this range is to fire a small shot group within a defined area on the target by firing bursts from the automatic weapon. On this portion of the course, Verani scored the maximum 104 points. The 2nd day he put on a flawless exhibition of long range shooting. This course consisted of 6 banks of targets at distances of 400

to 600 meters, (about 1/3 of a mile). Once again Verani fired without a miss, adding 80 more points for a perfect score of 184.

"This is the first time anyone has even come close to a perfect score recently, and to the best of anyone's knowledge, the first time that a perfect score has been fired from a bipod mount," were the words of 1st Lieut. Bobby P. Steele, OC of the M-60 Machine Gun Committee.

Captain Gregory R. James, Operations Officer of the 3d AIT Brigade Committee Group said, "There have been 2 perfect scores fired in the past using a tripod mount for the gun. The tripod mount has calibrated mechanisms on it to help control the aim of the weapon, making it much more stable than the bipod mount." Private Verani was presented a Certificate of Achievement for his outstanding performance on the range by Colonel Robert S. Keller, CO, 3d AIT Brigade, (as shown in picture).

Before starting his active duty with the National Guard in January, Verani was a student at the AIC in Spfld., majoring in Chemistry. When he finishes his training May 23 Verani will return home to complete his education.

Air Force Open House CANCELLED

HANSCOM FIELD, MASS.—Cancellation of plans for an "Open House" next week at Hanscom Field in Bedford was announced today by Col. Wilbur J. Grumbles, base commander.

"We regret that we will be unable to invite the public to visit us this year for Armed Forces Day," Colonel Grumbles said. "Though we had hoped to conduct our traditional 'Open House' on May 17, limited facilities this year do not permit us to carry out a suitable program."

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2000 MOSQUITOES PER DAY!

Church Smorga sbord

The Agawam United Methodist Church at 459 Mill St. (across from Agawam High School) will have a PUBLIC SMORGASBORD at the church Sat., May 17. Continuous servings from 5:15 p.m. thru 6:30 p.m. For reservations please call Mrs. Richard Fearn 739-5965 or Mrs. Gary Houts 737-8595 (by noon May 16, if possible)

"Like It Is"

George B. Bickford

Is Democracy, and honesty to the people, dead in Agawam? If only for the sake of the students in the town who will inherit the good and bad, I hope not! Over the past few months I have gone through successive periods of optimism and pessimism over the Middle School issue, and have most frequently wondered whether our government would be run "by the people", or just by biased, weak individuals.

What really bothers me is that a member of the High School Study Committee, definitely biased and loaded with foregone conclusions, took it upon himself to make light of issues to which no conclusions (as of yet) have been drawn by the committee. He had the conclusions and results of the committee after only 2 meetings, in spite of the fact that none have been agreed upon.

In my estimation, the committee was stacked against its purpose, and has similarities to the Paris Peace Talks. I am also beginning to think it was a futile effort to shut-up, once and for all, the High School proponents. Maybe it was just a pacifier but I can promise the Establishment and the "Knowledgeable Leaders" of our town this, you have not heard the last of the Agawam students! We are beginning to see how the "machine" can brainwash the populace and we are prepared to fight it. In the very near future the townspeople are going to find out a number of things the Establishment would prefer they didn't know. The townspeople should know, and all will be revealed!

THE CIRCUS IS HERE!

It was once said that Shriners were always at their best in a parade. The uniformed units of Melha Temple plan to prove this old saying Thursday evening. The Illustrious Potentate of Melha Temple, Maurice M. Chaffin, has decreed that his troops will assemble for a giant Shrine Circus St. Parade to officially mark the opening of the 15th Annual Melha Shrine Circus.

Noble Maurice H. Baitler will serve as Marshall and will be assisted by Ernest Dasse and Alvin V. Peck who will serve as Assistant Marshalls. They will assemble the units at Apremont Triangle in Spfld. so that the parade will get under way at 6:30 p.m. sharp on Thurs. eve.

The parade route will take the Shriners down Bridge St. to Main, left on Main St. to Vernon, Down Vernon St. to the new traffic circle to Memorial Bridge. The parade will proceed across the Bridge and down Memorial Ave., W. Spfld., to the Coliseum for the gala opening of the 1969 Melha Shrine Circus.

All of the units of Melha Temple will be on hand for the parade and they will be attired in their most colorful array.

All in all it looks like one of the finest Circus Parades ever put on by the Shriners.

Following Thurs. night's opening performance, there will be 2 shows on Friday at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m., Saturday at 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. and closing with a pair of matinees on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. and again at 5:30 p.m.

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AGAWAM JR WOMEN

The Provincetown Inn at Provincetown, Mass. will be the scene of the annual meeting of the Mass. State Federation of Women's Clubs - Jr. Membership on Fri., May 16 through Sunday, May 18.

Mrs. Arthur H. Jarvis, pres. will head a body of women who will represent the AJWC at the annual meeting.

Activities for the 3 days include workshops, roundtable discussions and an award luncheon. The highlight of the weekend will be the formal Inaugural Ceremonies which will climax the awards dinner Sat. evening.

Members representing the AJWC will be Mrs. Raymond Stone, Jr., Mrs. Joseph B. Mendes, Mrs. Herbert M. Carpenter, Mrs. Louis V. Mercadante, Mrs. Clyde A. Spaeth, Mrs. Donald C. LaViolette, Mrs. Albert F. Majestri, Mrs. Arthur E. Hastings and Mrs. Charles T. Marquis.

Mrs. Victor Shibley and Mrs. Bruno Maule, past presidents, will also attend the meeting.

There are still plenty of good seats available for all performances and they may be acquired at the Coliseum Box Office open daily from 10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S ANNUAL BANQUET

The CWC of Agawam will hold its annual banquet and install of officers on Tues., May 20, in the Mass. Room, Storowtown Tavern. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. and will be preceded by a social hour.

Musical entertainment will be furnished during the eve by Gus Tomassetti of Spfld. Mrs. Armand Phaneuf, chm. of the event, is being assisted by Mrs. Felix Thompson.

Rev. Walter J. Joyce, spiritual adviser of the club, will install the following officers for the 1969-70 season: Mrs. Joseph R. Hamel, pres.; Mrs. William A. Martel, 1st V.P.; Mrs. Robert F. Anderson, 2nd V.P.; Mrs. Joseph Lovotti, sec.; Mrs. Richard E. Gingras, treas.; Mrs. Norbert DeMont, ass't. treas.; Directors, Mrs. Alexander G. Toczko, Mrs. James Bussa and Mrs. James A. O'Keefe, Jr.

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Nature's Ways

New England's best-known authority on the robin reports that this most familiar wild bird may be disappearing from suburban lawns.

Like most persons who enjoy a bit of wildlife on the home landscape, Mrs. Deborah V. Howard hopes that the facts she has collected in the last 2 years are not typical of what is happening among all suburban robin populations. Hopefully, the pattern might reflect unproductive years in a low cycle of robin production. If, however, the facts are typical, the robin is doomed in those towns that lie on metropolitan perimeters.

In 1967, which had a cold, backward spring, Mrs. Howard found that the robins in her neighborhood in West Newton, Mass., produced an average of 1.7 young birds per adult robin pair. In that season, few young robins were successfully reared to the point of leaving the nest before July.

In 1968, the spring was warm and the robins produced an average of 2.5 young birds, rearing them to the age at which they leave the nest.

"While mortality is highest among eggs and tiny robins," Mrs. Howard said, "the losses of young robins do not cease when they leave the nest. For 5 weeks, young robins depend upon their parents for food. Most of us have seen young robins sitting in underbrush and awaiting the return of the parents with food. Young birds often are taken by cats, dogs and other predators during this vulnerable period."

To determine how great the loss might be among young robins after they leave the nest, Mrs. Howard placed plastic color bands on the legs of 24 young robins. Several colors are used in banding, which makes it possible to identify each young robin as an individual when the bands are inspected through binoculars.

"By following these young robins every day," Mrs. Howard said, "I discovered that 58% died before reaching the age of independence."

"If one assumes that 42% of the average of 2.5 robins per nest die before attaining independence, the production is reduced to one young robin produced for each breeding pair. Since there is a known mortality of 50% each year among adult robins, the figures mean that in the best year suburban robins are merely breeding even."

A comparable loss for 1967 would have meant that fewer robins were produced than those needed to fill natural vacancies in the population.

by Wayne Hanley
Mass. Audubon Society

Mrs. Howard believes that the neatness of suburban lawns may be a major factor in the loss of young robins which have left the nest. The suburban landscape does not provide enough underbrush for the young birds to hide in during the 5 week period in which they are dependent upon their parents.

Mrs. Howard's robin investigation this year will be funded by the Frank M. Chapman Memorial Fund of the American Museum of Natural History.

To provide a broader base to the robin studies, Mrs. Howard seeks reports from New Englanders who discover robins nesting in their yards. She sends co-operators survey cards which list a couple simple questions about specific robins' nests. If you have, or expect, robins nesting in the yard this season, she will send you a card if you enclose a large, stamped, self-addressed envelope with a request.

Address requests for official survey cards to Mr. Howard, c/o The Mass. Audubon Society, South Great Road, Lincoln, Mass. 01773.

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American Legion
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Sat., May 17-Chm. Jane Whalen would like assistance from Post, Aux., Sons of Legion and Juniors in distributing veteran-made poppies at Riverside Pk. from 6 p.m. Volunteers may contact Mrs. Whalen for further info.

Mon., May 19-The Aux. will hold a regular meeting at 8 p.m. at the Legion Home. There will be a discussion of plans for the May supper.

Sat., May 24-A public ham supper will be held at the Legion Home from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., with dancing from 8 to 12 p.m. The affair, called the "May Blaze" will feature the burning of the Legion's mortgage. Proceeds from the dinner go to Aux. Poppy Fund. Anyone who wishes to attend may make res. at the Legion Home or with Chm. Wally Hayden or Mrs. Jane Whalen. Sun., May 25-the town memorial service will be held at the Sacred Heart Church on Springfield St., F. Hills at 9 a.m. Legion and Aux. members are asked to attend as a group, in uniform.

NEWS NOTES

Miss Shirley Belcher and Daniel Morales were married on May 3rd. Shirley's parents are Cmdr. and Pres. Bernie and Gladys Belcher...Memo calendars, for the benefit of the Unit's Scholarship Fund, may be purchased from Mrs. Wilma Gillan...profits from the "Spring Frolics" held in April were placed in the Child Welfare Fund by Chm. Pauline Brown...Charter members of the Unit who have 50-year continuous membership are: Mrs. Mary Brady, Mrs. Eva Buffet, Mrs. Lila Gordon and Mrs. Gladys Catchepaugh—Congratulations!

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TV Skate Classic May 17 with Agawam Champ

The Carousel, Agawam's Family Roller Skating Rink on Ramah Circle, received a special invitation to skate in the world championships held at Madison Square Garden on Sunday, April 20th. Mr. Richard Barile, known to many family skaters' children as "Uncle Lucky" and to the older set as "Lucky", is the owner of the Carousel and is nationally known in the skating world. Last March, Lucky was contacted by Mr. Irwin Rossi of Madison Avenue, N.Y. to have the Carousel Rink participate in the Gold Skate Classic's competitions. Lucky was asked to muster enough local amateur talent to put on a group number to compete against several skating rinks across the nation. Participation was to be by amateur skaters from Agawam and surrounding areas with the much appreciated help of the skaters from the New Britain, Conn. club. Thanks must be given to many, but foremost to Mr. Peter Gullo, pro at the rink, who singly created and directed the choreography of the group number. Not only is this considered a great honor for the Carousel group and the town of Agawam, but the choice is so select that many old-time skating rinks across the country have never been called upon to participate in this type of skating event. The Carousel, representing the N.E. region of the U.S., was to compete before the public and T.V. for the 1st

time. A 1st time for many Agawam skaters to perform in a public competitive show, brought about a rather dramatic atmosphere. But all went well, all enjoyed the day at the Garden, and with success, the group number was judged as the first place winner.

Among the participants from the immediate vicinity were the Maynards from North St. and the Kanes from Walnut St. Other local families included the Vandals and the Politanos from W. Spfld. and the Beauchaines from Agawam.

Of singular pride to Lucky and the skaters is his daughter, Darlene. Miss Barile, presently North American Senior Ladies Champion and World Free Style Skating Champion, represented Agawam and the U.S. at the Gardens. Her performance proved to be superb and was honored with the 1st place award. Among her competitors were champions from W. Germany, England and Canada, and Miss Joelle Ferry, French Nat'l. Skating Champion. Miss Ferry, a 25 year old school teacher, placed 2nd in the Madison meet.

Joelle and Darlene have been keeping close correspondence since their first meeting in Vigo, Spain at the World Championships. Joelle arrived in this country 3 weeks prior to the Classics and had asked to stay with the Barile family in Agawam. Lucky and his family readily accepted her into their home. During her 3

weeks stay, Joelle saw much and met many. Now she refers to Mr. and Mrs. Barile as her American "Foder and Moder", and before leaving remarked how she loved her American Town of Agawam and all the families she met while here. As Joelle was leaving for her native France, she said she would speak often to her pupils about Agawam and her American family.

Lucky Barile's Carousel attracts many youngsters from Agawam and surrounding areas. He has appropriated much of his free time, outside of the usual session time, to these youngsters. Especially to those who have any problems. His avid interest for the young people is shown by the good-natured atmosphere of the rink, and through the youngsters' behavior, it is one to be commended. At least the presence of problems, if any, are at a minimum, and the Carousel Family Roller Rink has become a household word throughout many of the young families of Agawam as well as other local areas.

The town can now boast of two 1st places at the Madison Square Garden Gold Skate Classics: Darlene Barile's 1st place Sr. Ladies Championship and also the group number. Watch for the youngsters of Agawam on ABC's WIDE WORLD OF SPORTS on May 17, Saturday, through Channels 8 or 40 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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FEEDING HILLS HILL MEETS MONDAY

The F.H. Hampden County Improvement League Group will meet on Mon., May 19 at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Tessie Bodziak, 30 Greenacre Lane (1st street on right going west after Cooper St. intersection off Cooper).

"Your Clothing \$-Fabrics in Your Future" will be discussed by Mrs. Kay Nieroda. She will give info as to the study of major revolutions in clothing up to 1975, new fabrics and their use in the home, permanent shape retention, fabrics which will heat or cool the wearer, and disposable garments.

Information about marketing techniques and innovations, price change behavior, quality comparisons, non-food items in the market, etc. will be given by Mrs. Zoafia Demko in her topic on "The Food Market".

Craft project of the eve. will be given by Mrs. Tessie Bodziak on Beaded Flowers and Replacement of real roses in a corsage.

Refreshments will be served by Mrs. Jane Gaj and Mrs. Bert Abbey who will be the hostesses for the evening.

Anyone interested is welcomed to come. For further info. call Mrs. Demko at 734-9281.

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GRANGER SCHOOL

MON.: Hmbg. gryv., Mash. Pot., Whole Ker. Crn., Brd. & But., Cit. Frt. Cup TUES.: Jc., Hambg. on but. roll, rel. & cat. cheese cube, car., frostd. cake sq. WED.: Jc., Beef Stew (mt. veg., pot) brd. & but., cook, frsh frt. THURS.: shell mac. w/mt. & tom. sec., let. & tom. sal., brd. & but. frt. FRI.: jc., baked fish stcks. (cat.) flffy. rice, but. gr. bns., jello w/whppd. top.

PEIRCE SCHOOL

MON.: mt. balls in tom. sauce, but. rice, but. wax bns., chese or pnut. btr. sand., or. jello w/top. TUES.: or. jc., frank. on hot butrd. roll, but. mix. veg., car. stcks., pnut. but. sand., choc. pud. w/top WED.: spag. w/tom. & mt. sauce, but. peas & car., chese fing., bread & but. apple sq. THURS.: oven fr. chick., sw. pot. casserole, but. gr. bns., brd. & but., Hawaiian des. FRI.: egg sal. sand., baked bns., stwd. tom. car. & cel. stcks, ice crm. bars.

DANAHY SCHOOL

MON.: jc., frank. on roll, applsce. cake TUES.: jc., mt. balls in gravy, mash. pot., brd. & but., spin. chese. wdge., Bos. Crm. pie WED.: mac. w/tom. & meat sauce, brd. & but., chse. wdge., gr. bns., peach. THURS.: jc., pizza, tos. salad, chse. wdg. pnut. btr. cookies, applsce. FRI.: jc., fish stcks., mash. pot., brd. & but., cab. & car. sal., pineapple

SOUTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MON.: or. jc., stmed. frnks. on but. roll, mus. & rel., chse. stcks., pnut. but. on rye, sled. car., peach. TUES.: shepherd's pie (mt. crn w/pot. top), but. spnch., homemd. yeast roll w/but., applesce WED.: cit. jc., min. soup w/meat & veg., cel. stcks, butrd. Vienna brd., apple, cookie. THURS.: cit. jce., chick. sal. on let. cup, cran. sauce, but. peas, pan bisc., yel. cake w/frt. top. FRI.: bak. mac. w/chse. sauce., ABC sal., but. Vien. brd., straw. srtcake. w/top.

ROBINSON PARK SCHOOL

MON.: shell mac. w/mt. sauce, but. gr. bns., brd. & but., applesce TUES.: jc., ham. on but. roll, cat., but. crn., chese stcks., raisin sp. cake WED.: tom. soup w/rice, car. stcks., pnut. but. sand., frsh. frt., cookies. THURS.: mt. balls w/sauce, mash. pot., but. broc., brd. & but., jelly don. FRI.: or. jce., pizza w/chese. & tom. sauce, pnut. but. sand., beet sal., frt.

JUNIOR HIGH

MON.: meat loaf, mash. pot., but. broc., brd. & but., ice crm. TUES.: jc., grinders (sliced mt. chese, let., tom.), pickles, pot. chps., applesce. cake, WED.: jc., grld. frank. on roll, cab. & car. sal., homemd. bns., banana pud., THURS.: jc., ham. on bun, but. crn., pnut. but. sand., apriets, FRI.: jc., grl. chese. sand., tos. sal., pot. chps., pineapple. chnks.

HIGH SCHOOL

MON.: or. jc., hambg. spl., let. & tom., pot. chps., pnut. btr. sand., pineapple. crnch. TUES.: sausage pat., parsld. pot., applesce., rye brd. & but., pnut. but. sand., ice crm. WED.: elbow mac. w/mt. sauce, cab. & car. sal., brd. & btr., pnut. btr. sand. fruit THURS.: or. jc., mtball. grind., gardn. sal. w/spin. grms. & tom., pnut. but. sand., prune spice cake FRI.: or. jc., tuna sal. sailbt., car. & cel. stcks., pnut. but. sand., choc. cake w/but. icing.

Racing at Stafford Springs

Eddy Flemke of Southington, Ct., and Carl "Bugsy" Stevens of Rehoboth, Mass. have been named the All-Star Stock Car Racing League representatives of Stafford Speedway. Bob Santos of Millis, Mass., is the alternate.

The Stevens-Flemke combination finished one-two in Stafford's final track championship standings last year. Stevens, in addition to winning the nat'l. NASCAR championship, won the Stafford title for the 2nd time in 3 years.

The All-Star circuit is made up of 14 races, including the July 25th event on the Stafford 1/2 mile.

"We feel we have the team to beat," said Stafford promoter John McCarthy. "Flemke, Stevens, and Santos are all regulars at Stafford and

all accomplished drivers throughout the east coast. We are going to win the title."

A Stevens-Flemke battle has become a legend at the Friday night Stafford races.

"Running Stafford regularly will keep them in shape," McCarthy continues. "They have to run against guys like Gene Bergin, Leo Cleary, Booker T. Jones, Sal Dee, Fred DeSarro, Frank Faria and Smokey Boutwell. That in itself is a pretty formidable assignment."

Both Stevens and Flemke are veteran campaigners on the All-Star circuit. Stevens represented Norwood the past two seasons while Flemke ran as an independent winning 2 races.

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Dental Demons

When things go unaccountably wrong, we feel that an unseen cause must exist, so we say "a gremlin did it." In dentistry, causes are often as elusive as gremlins, but research relentlessly routs the demons out. At the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md., scientists of the National Institute of Dental Research are looking for clues to many elusive dental problems, and one of the most difficult is periodontal disease. This is a fairly slow process beginning with tender gums or deposits of calculus (tartar) at the gum line. Gradually, connections between gums, jawbone, and teeth loosen, and eventually teeth fall out. This disease commonly occurs after 35 but sometimes afflicts teenagers.

The problem in periodontal disease is not a lack of clues, but too many. Microbes, diet, mouth pressures, and individual resistance are some of the interacting factors. It took years of painstaking research to reveal the roles of some microorganisms. The search has been slow, not because these dental demons are invisibly small, but because their variety is incredibly great. Types of one kind of bacterium are as diverse as breeds of dogs. However, unlike dogs, bacterial types look alike but react very differently.

Scientists report that two strains of streptococci, named LM-7 and GS-5 for patients in whose decayed teeth they were found, not only cause tooth decay when inoculated into rats, but also severely damage the alveolar bone that supports the teeth. These rats normally suffer neither bone loss nor decay. Many other strains of strep-

tococci cause no harm to rats.

So far, only those streptococci that digest sugar and excrete acid and a sticky by-product called dextran are implicated in both periodontal disease and tooth decay. Dextran glues all sorts of bacteria with their acids and wastes close to teeth in a film of plaque.

A different, thread-like microorganism converts starch or sugar into a sticky gel which pushes gums away from teeth. This form can transmit periodontal disease in hamsters.

However, there are other bacterial substances which irritate gums. One is neutral ammonia found in high concentrations in some bacterial infections.

A third irritant, endotoxin, is released when certain bacteria die. Apparently endotoxins cannot penetrate intact gum tissue, but may enter once the gum surface is broken and can cause allergic reactions which aggravate periodontal problems.

A fourth troublemaker, *Bacteroides melanogenicus*, not only contains endotoxin in its cell walls, but produces an enzyme which destroys collagen, the principal protein in connective tissue. This bacterium is said to be the most destructive microbe normal to the mouth, but it must be trapped in plaque in order to harm tissue.

These periodontal demons can be controlled by reducing the plaque in which they operate, or the kinds of food on which they thrive. This means fewer sweets and more cleaning. Also, Institute scientists hope that an experimental enzyme which dissolves dextran in hamsters may help fight human plaque too.

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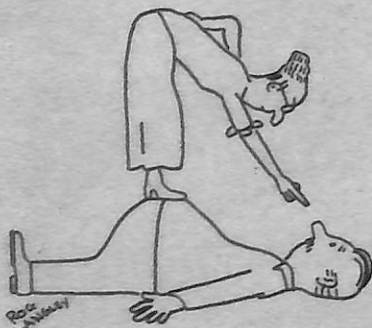
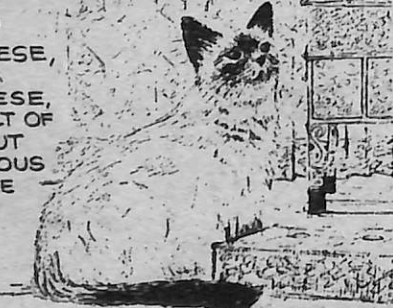
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have children, and how many prayers she had said that God would send her a child. She then went into detail about the many petitions she was making to her favorite saint. Finally my sister could stand no more. "Whose name," she asked, "have you been signing to those petitions?"

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New uniforms for the Agawam Jr. High Band will be seen in several performances by that unit during May.

The Jr. high unit will play a concert at the W. Spfld. Jr. H.S. on the morning of Tues., May 13.

The following week on Thurs., May 22 an outdoor concert will be held at the Sr. Citizen Center on Main St. at 2 p.m. Townspeople are invited to this afternoon program by the Jr. High Band. An assembly for their fellow students will be presented at the Jr. high that morning.

Appearances for the month will conclude with the Memorial Day Parade with both the Jr. High and Sr. High Bands participating.

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Agawam Interchurch Baseball

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This year 6 teams are in the League - 3 teams from St. John's Church, 1 from St. Anthony's, 1 from St. Theresa's and 1 from Sacred Heart.

The League Officers for the 1969 season are:

James Devecchi, Pres.; Edmund Coffey, V.P.; Frank Locke, Treas.; Roger Olewinski, Sec.; Spiritual Directors: Rev. Samuel Fayad, St. Anthony; Rev. Paul Bernard, St. Theresa; Rev. Albert Blanchard, St. John; Rev. James Shea, Sacred Heart; Lay Representatives: Clifford Gibson, St. Anthony; Louis Roberts, St. Theresa; John Anderson, St. John; Roger Richard, Sacred Heart. Umpire-in-chief, George Bickford.

This year the League will award 5 - \$100 scholarships to high school seniors who previously played in the league. In the 3 years of the scholarship program a total of \$1300 has been awarded to boys attending college.

Announcement of the recipients of this years scholarship awards will be made in the near future.

The League is open to all boys 13-15 years old regardless of race, creed, or religion. The only qualification is the desire to play baseball.

Rubbish Collection Schedules

Fri., May 16	Rte. 10
Mon., " 19	Rte. 1
Tues., " 20	Rte. 2
Wed., " 21	Rte. 3
Thurs., " 22	Rte. 4
Fri., " 23	Rte. 5

Well, What Do You Know? fun, games and knowledge

by MARTHA GLAUBER SHAPP, Editor, The New Book of Knowledge

What is sonar?

The word "sonar" comes from the first letters of "sound navigation ranging." Sonar is very much like radar. Sonar can detect and locate objects under the sea by echoes. Since radio signals cannot travel far

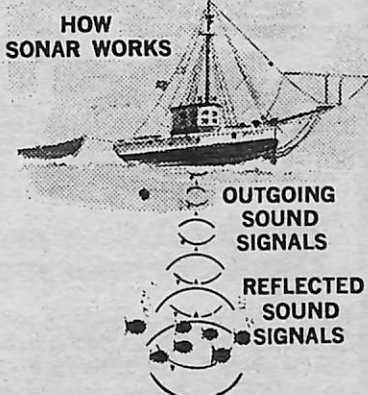
echoes are then used to tell the location of underwater objects.

How strong is an ant?

Have you ever seen ants carrying sticks or pebbles? A scientist once saw an ant lifting a stone out of its nest entrance. He took both the ant and the stone back to his laboratory and weighed them. He found that the stone weighed 52 times as much as the ant. If a man of average weight were as strong as the ant is for its weight, he would be able to lift nearly 4 tons.

Why do stars twinkle?

The light from the stars passes through the earth's atmosphere before reaching your eyes. Within the atmosphere, at an altitude of 30,000 to 45,000 feet, is a layer of air that is called the twinkling layer. As the light from a star passes through the twinkling layer, the light shifts and changes continuously and seems to twinkle. Scientists do not know what causes the starlight's path to change and shift. But many believe that differences in temperatures and the presence of water vapor in the twinkling layer may be responsible for the stars' twinkle.



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underwater, sonar sets use sound signals instead. Compared with ordinary sounds, sonar signals are very powerful. Some sonar sets give off sounds that you can hear. The pitch of other sonar signals is so high that your ear cannot hear them. The sonar set has a special receiver that can pick up the returning echoes (reflected sound signals). The

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To all persons interested in the estate of RODNEY L. HALL late of Agawam, in said County, deceased.

The executor of the will of said RODNEY L. HALL has presented to said Court for allowance his first and final account.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twentieth day of May, 1969, the return day of this citation.

Witness, ABRAHAM I. SMITH, Esquire, First Judge of Said Court, this fourteenth day of April 1969.

John J. Lyons, Register.
May 1, 8, 15, 1969

Agawam Coin Club

The Agawam C.C. will meet Wed., May 21 at the Ag. Baptist Church at 7:30. Mrs. Gertrude Bump will speak to the subject Biblical Coins. The business meeting will be to plan for the family picnic and to hear the report of the recent coin show. Members are reminded that there will be an auction, raffle, and 2 door prizes which will be silver dollars. Refreshments will be served.

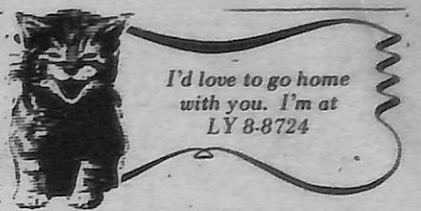
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